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AMERICAN TRADE IN CHINA

THIS COUNTRY EXTENDS ITS BUSINESS IN THE CELESTIAL EMPIRE.

WHILE THE TOTAL INCREASE OF IMPORTS IS ONLY FIFTY PER CENT, THE UNITED STATES SHOWS A GAIN OF THREE

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE THEONE.] Washington, July 16.-The increase in the importation of American manufactures and productions into China is shown by the official statements of various parts of the world shows that the United States is making marked gains in the markets of China, especially in cotton goods, metals and kerothough in the latter article Russia and

29,775 pieces in 1895 to 11,245 pieces in 1897; Dutch, from 81,234 pieces in 1895 to 25,862 pieces in 1897; Japanese, from 9,126 pieces in 1896 to 1,250 pieces in 1897; while American drills increased from 1,226,759 pieces in 1896 to 1,531,647 pieces in 1897. In jeans American importations increased from 12,480 pleases American importations forces in 1837. The total importa-tions of cotton goods fell in 1897 considerably below those of 1896, while, as shown by the above figures, the importations of cotton goods from the United States increased in every case.

United States supplies, while there is a reduction in nearly all other articles. The chief imports into China from the United States are cotton goods, cigars and cigarettes, flear, ginseng, machinery, meditines, kerseene oil and timber. In practically all of these articles there was in 1897 an increase in importations, while in the large proportion of the other articles imported a decrease is shown. Of kerosene oil, for instance, the importations from the United States in 1897 were 48.212.506 gallons, against 32.506 gallons in 1897, an increase of near-thy 25 per cent. Importations of timber increased from 1.82.535 taels in value to 1.224.634 taels; machinery, from 264.441 theis to 2.146.737; medicines, from 164.51 taels in 186.339 ginseng, which is almost exclusively from the United States increased from 1.63.57; taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.149.183; raw cotton, from 1.26.575 taels in value to 2.259.804 taels to 2.582.635. 36,92,650 COMPETITION IN KEROSENE OIL.

Amounted to \$50,000,00, of which a large proportion went to China and other Asiatic countries. The Chinese report shows that while the importations of American kerosene increased in 1897 nearly 50 per cent, those from Samatra increased nearly 200 per cent, while in Russian oil there was also a marked increase, showing that in this important item of exports there is sharp and growing compelliton in a large and important field.

That there has been a steady and marked growth in the importations into China of goods from the United States is apparent from the study of the United States is apparent from the study of the detailed figures of this report, while an examination of those relating to the imports from other countries shows that the imports from the United States have increased much more rapidly than those from any other country.

OUTSTRIPPING OTHER NATIONS

compared with the year 1890. It will be seen that compared with the year 1890. It will be seen that the imports from the United States increased more than 260 per cent, and that this growth was much more rapid than that of other countries. It should be borne in mind, also, that the direct importations from the United States into Chinese ports do not by any means include all American goods entering China, as most of the articles entering Hong Kong pass from that port into China, and the reports of the Bureau of Statistics show that the exports of the United States to Hong Kong have, in the last ten years, nearly equalled direct exports to China.

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All orders from customers while out of town during the Summer Months will be filled immediately and forwarded free of charge.

Special Sale of LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS

AT 48c. EACH.

Will place on sale to-morrow 1,800 SHIRT WAISTS in the newest PLAIDS, STRIPES and FIGURES, pretty, dainty patterns-an immense variety of stylish effects-all this season's goods, made in Percale, Gingham and other fancy fabricsusually sold at 65c., 75c., 95c., \$1,00 and \$1,25, all at 48c. each.

DRESSING SACQUES.

Will also offer WHITE LAWN DRESSING SACQUES-a large variety of styles, all prettily trimmed with embroidery, lace, insertion, tucks, &c., at \$1.35, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

LADIES' SUMMER SUITS, CAPES AND ULSTERS.

LADIES' WASHABLE SUITS, Special lot in Linen, Crash and Duck, formerly sold at \$7.50 to \$10.00, at \$3.75 pair, at

LADIES' WHITE WOOL SUITS, beautifully tailored, made in the fly front style, A SPECIAL SALE OF FINE RIBBONS AT with strapped scams, regular \$25.00 suits for\$14.50

LADIES CHEVIOT SERGE SUITS in black and blue only, all silk lined, LADIES' SUMMER CAPES, made of cloth

and silk, and trimmed with lace, braid and jet, worth from \$4.50 to \$18.00. t. 82.50, \$4.50, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$9.00

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MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES.

Will offer to-morrow our regular line of MISSES and CHILDREN'S TAN SHOES, button and lace, usually \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50 pair, at \$1.50 and \$2.00

RIBBON DEPARTMENT.

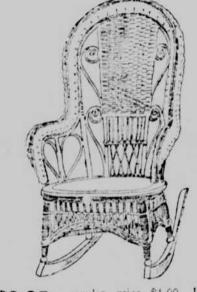
5c. and 10c. PER YARD.

Prior to inventory we have gathered all the BROKEN LINES of this season's RIBBONS, consisting of satin and gros grain, fancy gauzes, Roman stripes, checks, plaids and various other styles, and will place the entire collection on

BARGAINS IN REED ROCKERS.



roll, full sweep back and very comfortable, strong and well made.



\$3.00; regular price \$5.50, Extra \$2.25; regular price \$4.00, Large Large Size Reed Rocker, tull for any one, very comfortable, strong and well made.

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HOW CAPT, CLARK AND HIS BRIDE DIED.

A SURVIVOR TELLS OF THEIR DEATH IN THE SINKING OF LA BOURGOGNE.

Hackensack, N. J., July 16. Charles P. McKeown of Wilmington, Del., was here to-day to deliver messages to the relatives of Captain Clark and his wife, who were drowned by the sinking of the French ilner La Bourgogne off Sable Island.

McKeown was a passenger on the vessel, and was one of those saved. He said that he was on the dock talking with Capitaln Clark and his wife after the collision, and that each promised. If saved, to inform the relatives of the other should be be drowned. McKeown stated that Capitaln Clark walked toward a lifeboat with his wife, with the intention of getting in it, but some one yelled "No women allowed!" Then Capitaln Clark said, "I prefer to drown with my wife, sooner than be saved alone." The last McKeown saw of Capitain Clark and his wife they were clasped in each other's arms as they went down.

McKeown, who lost his wife and two children, said he floated around on a raft for two hours before he was picked up. He said he was connected with the Harland & Hollingsworth Company, shipbuilders, of Wilmington, for seventeen years, and never saw such cowardice. French liner La Bourgogne off Sable Island.

TO PREVENT OVERWRITING.

FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS REQUEST COMPANIES TO REFRAIN FROM THIS PRACTICE.

Detroit, Mich., July 16.-The National Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents to-day adopted res-olutions requesting the presidents of all companies to sign an agreement to refrain from overwrifing. The names of companies complying will be published, and the association binds itself not to represent any company refusing to sign this agreement. An amendment to publish a black list was defeated. The convention ended with a steamer ride this afternoon and the annual dinner this evening.

nent Rentz. ighter, Mrs. Hourgogne. all fortune. on Koppe, a s anxious to make the honeymoon of his daughter and her husdand is enloyable as possible, and among other wedding gifts presented to them two tickets to France. They salied by La Rourgogne on July 2, and both were drowned. The Surregate took the application under advisement, there being some difficult legal points to be lecided.

FIRE DAMAGES GRAND CIRCLE STORES. A fire which started at noon yesterday in the Exccisior Cycling Company's store, at No. 5 Grand Circle, extended to the paint and oil shop of Otto Bocken, at No. 5. In this \$3,000 damage was done before the firemen could get the fire out. Joseph Ober, proprietor of the bicycle works, estimates his damage at 1999. The cause of the fire is unknown. Three bicycles were stolen while the fremen were at work. The buildings are one-story frame structures, owned by the Eno estate.

STEAMER NORTHAMPTON BURNED. Norfolk, Va., July 16.-The steamer Northampton

vas burned at 4:15 o'clock this morning at the Old Dominion pier. How the fire originated is a mysery, as the fires were carefully banked last night. As soon as the names were mostly department were promptly called, and worked hard to save the vessel, but in vain. There were a number of narrow escapes by employes asleep on heard. The Peckskill, anchored near, was slightly damaged by the intense heat from the burning vessel. The Northampton was towed to Berkeley Plats and beached. She was built in 1890, and was valued at \$25,005, well covered by insurance.

THE PRINTCLOTH MARKET.

Fall River, Mass., July 16 (Special).—The reports the brokers show that there was a fair amount of trading in the local printeloth market during the week. There was, however, no change in the prices. The sales of regulars reached about seventy-five thousand pieces, and most of them were for delivery in August and Soptember, and THE TARIFF ON CALFSKINS.

The Board of Classification of the United States General Appraisers yesterday announced a decision on a question of considerable importance to importers of hides. Under the present tariff, skins of all kinds, raw, except sheepskins with the wool on, come in free. Raw cattle hides, on the other hand, pay 15 per cent duty ad valorem. The question arose as to where the line should be drawn between a calfskin and a cowhide, and a special hearing was held recently to settle it. The importers, Joseph Hecht & Sons, contended that commercially sonly the skins of the larger animals were known as hides, and that the term calfskin should include all those weighing not more than twenty-five pounds raw or twelve pounds dry. The appraiser at this pour tried to show that this limit was too high. The Board finds, however, that all of the skins weighing Board finds, however, that all of the skins weighing that the term calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, twelve pounds dry are calfskins and come in free, the committee of the Manufacturers' Association held a meeting friday, but did nothing expected shortly, children the surplus out of sight the mills for the mills for four weeks, between August I and to pince some of the opinion that a general curtainest with the mills for four weeks, between August I and to pince some of the opinion that a general with the mills for four weeks, the week. The business is by no means satisfactory, and the make the same as that of last week with this amount enough odds were disposed of to

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We only hint at the many wonderful bargains to be secured during our Summer Clearing Sale. Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled.

WASH FABRICS.

Annual Clearing Sale. Every piece of cotton or linen fabric intended for summer wear, marked at prices, regardless of cost or present value. We have selected from our various lines of 5 1/2c., 71sc. and 10c. Wash Goods, about 200 pieces of Dimities, Lawns, Print Cloths, Lace Zephyrs, etc., every piece warranted, for this sale 31/2c. per yard.

Printed Linen Color Jaconet Lawn, stripes of polka dots, 442c. indigo Blue Printed Organdie or Jaconet Lawns, spots, stripes and figures, three specials, 5½c., 6½c., 7½c. per yard.

Printed Ducks, Sc. and 124c. per yard. Plain Ducks, all the desirable shades, milt-tary blue, navy blue, white or black, 10c, and 123cc, per yard. Printed Dress Sateens, were 15c., at 9c. per

Johnson Sea Island Zephyr Ginghams, good value, at 1215c.; special at 515c. per yard. Finest American Dress Ginghams, choice styles, 9c, and 12½c, per yard.

Bicycle Covert Tweeds, wool colors, 10c, per Fancy and Plain Linens, 51½c., 81½c., 10c., 121½c. per yard.

Percale-finish Print Cloths, 44c. per yard. Indigo Blue Prints, 54c. per yard. Simpson Mourning Prints, 5%c. per yard. Cardinal Red Foulard Prints, challe styles, 5½c, per yard.

Madras for Shirtings, 9c., 12%c., 15c. per yard. Best Apron Ginghams, all styles, 514c. per

Women's \$2.00 Oxford Ties, at \$1.24.



Women's Dongola Kid Oxford Ties, sewed

500 pairs of

soles, full round and opera toes, patent tips and lace stays, the regular retail price has been \$2.00, sizes are broken, and to close them out quickly you will find them on bargain table tomorrow at \$1.24

MUSLINS.

Soft-finish Bleached Muslin, 5c. per yard.

SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES Rendy-made Bleached Sheets, good quality, 15x21, 27c, 15x213, 30c, 2x213, 33c, 24x213, 7c, 25x213, 40c, Extra Fine Quality, 2x2½, 40c.; 2½x2½, 45c.; Fine Pillow Cases, 42x36 and 45x36, Sc. each; 50x36 and 54x36, 10c. each. Fine Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 45x36, 17c quality, 124c, each.

Greatest Shirt Sale WE EVER HAD.

Will place on sale Monday morning 400 dozen Gentlemen's Colored Percale Shirts, sizes: 14 to 18, made with neckbands and wristbands, some with cuffs attached, regular price 29c.

BIBLES. Self-pronouncing Teachers' Bibles, large print,

Special sale of Teachers' Bibles, index, concordance and reference, \$1.50 kind at \$1.00; \$1.89 and \$1.75 kinds, at \$1.25; \$1.98 kind, at \$1.35; \$2.75 kind, at \$2.00.

LINENS.

100 dozen Heavy Huck Towels, 19thx42; spe-100 dozen 5-8 Napkins, \$1.00 per dozen. 26-inch Crash Suitings, 124c. per yard. Ecru Linen Batiste, 10c. per yard.

FURNITURE.

Special Couch Sale.

Wardrobe Couch, covered in denim, tufted, able, 30 inches wide, 74 inches long, regular price \$10.00; special at \$8.84. Corduroy or Velour Couches, were \$6.00; spe-cial at \$4.30.

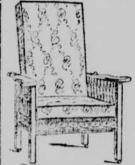
Cordurey or Velour Tufted Couches, were \$10.00, \$12.75, \$14.00, \$16.50, \$20.00 and \$24.00; go at \$6.98, \$8.75, \$9.98, \$11.75, \$13.98, \$16.50.

Solid Oak Bookcase, 30 inches wide, 60 inches high, four adjustable shelves, glass doors, \$8.50 kind, at

\$5.98.

Open Bookcase, solid oak, 26 inches wide, adjustable shelves, \$2,83.

Morris Adjustable Reclining Chairs.



Mahoganyfinish Morris Chair, cushion covered in silk tapestry, both sides alike, well made, stitched edges, all hair, usual price

Solid Oak or

\$8.00; only a limited number will Same frame with denim cush-

HOUSEFURNISHINGS.



1,000 Decorated China Vases, regular price 69c., hargain.

Banquet Lamps, \$18.00 kind, at \$6.50; \$0.95 kind, at \$7.00; \$5.25 kind, at \$2.95; \$4.98 kind, at \$2.98.

Table Lamp, \$3.50 kind, at \$1.98; \$2.48 kind, at \$1.00; \$2.48 kind, at \$1.00; \$1.00

at 8 \$1.85. Mason Fruit Jars, Jelly Glasses, Jar Rings and Fruit Presses at popular prices.

SUNDRIES.

Special 4-wheel Carpet Sweeper, made by Bis-Sweeperette, \$1.50. Challenge Clothes Wringer, 980. Clothes Pins, Sc. per hundred.

Nickel-plated Sad Irons, 5 pounds, 20c.; 6 pounds, 24c.; 7 pounds, 28c. 13 cakes Lautz's "Snow-boy" Soap for 25c.



Family Scale \$1.49.

WRAPPERS.

100 dozen Cambric Wrappers, assorted patterns and colors, yoke back and front, with plaiting, 50c.

and 48c. Finer Quality Gingham, Cambric and Percale Shirr Walsts, pretty patterns, our \$1.25 kind, at 68c., 78c., 98c.

LADIES' SUITS.

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Another Great Opportunity

to get a Ladies' Strictly Up-to-date Tailor-made Suit, either in blouse or reefer effects; this is the finest lot of goods we have ever placed before our customers and inc udes nothing but the finest tailored goods in fine imported Venetian cloth, serge, covert cloth and broadcloth, in black, navy blue, green, brown, royal and gray; also, covert mixtures and novelty goods. A great many are handsomely braided and the majority are silk-lined throughout with plain or fancy silk; over half of these Suits were from \$30.00, \$35.00 to \$40.00, and not one was ever sold for less than \$25.00; if you want a fine suit, get first choice, at . . . \$15.00

Bicycle Suits and Skirts.

150 Ladies' Fine All-Wool Bleycle Skirts, in all the latest styles of materials and new checks, at \$4.98, \$5.50 to \$8.50. 75 Ladies' High-grade Bicycle Suits, that were \$20.00 and \$22.00, at \$10.00 and \$12.00.

BICYCLES.

The Speir Bicycle for \$19.00 is a bargain for any one who wants a good wheel for little money.

Vindex & Ripple Bicycles; these wheels are up to date, 1898, drop frame, any gear, and fully guaranteed at popular Our special "Old Glory" Bicycle,

up to date in every respect, at \$27.50 Croquet Sets, 98c.
Special in Flags, 800 18x24 inch Mounted
Flags, at 2c. each.
Roller Skates, 39c. per pair.
Sailboats, from 19c. upward.

Trunks at special prices.

Bicycle Suits and Office Coats.

100 Men's Bicycle Suits, in small neat checks and plaids, patch pockets and extra strongly made, sizes 34 to 42 breast measure, were \$5.50 to \$10.00, at \$3.08.

75 pairs Men's Fancy Check Bicycle Suits, with or without cuffs, actual value \$3.08; special at \$2.19. cial at \$2.19.

100 Men's Black Alpaca Office Coats, sizes to
44 breast measure, marked special at \$1.98,
\$2.50, \$2.98. 47 Men's Blue Serge Office Coats, sizes to 42 at \$2.95.

150 Men's Cotton Office Coats, at 49c., 79c. 169 Boys' Office Coats, at 39c., 89c., \$1.25, 560 pairs Boys' All-Wool Serge Knee Pants, ratent band, sizes 3 to 15 years, regular 79c. quality, at 49c.

MILLINERY.

Clearing sale of Hats, white and colors, trimmed with chiffon, lace, flowers and wings, worth from \$5.00 to \$10.00; your choice at \$1.08, \$2.48, \$3.48. ntrimmed Hats, all styles and colors, at 10c. and 25c.
Black, White, Navy Blue and Brown
Trimmed Saliors, with sweat bands, at 25c.
Ladles' and Misses' White Leghorns, value
\$1.48 and \$1.98; special at 60c.

FLOWERS.

Roses, Violets, Daisies, Mignonette, Foliage and Popples, value 48c, and 68c, at 10c.
Crushed Roses, with foliage, all shades, American Beauty Roses, Liliacs, Silk Violets, three shades, Lilies-of-the-Valley and Rose Foliage, value 98c.; your choice at 25c.

SHIRT WAISTS.

Cambric and Percale Shirt Walsts, assorted patterns and colors, 23c.

Large assortment of Cambric and Fine Percale Shirt Walsts, neat patterns and colors, 37c.

Fulton Street, Gallatin Place and Livingston Street.

BREWER'S DAUGHTER IN COURT.

SUES HER HUSBAND FOR A SEPARATION AND CHARGES BRUTAL TREATMENT.

Mrs. Frida Zinsser, the daughter of Herman B. Scharmann, a brower, of Brooklyn, has brought a suit for a separation in the Supreme Court against suit for a separation in the Supreme Court against her husband. William Zusser, jr., whom she charges with brutal and inhuman treatment, and Justice Pryor yesterday heard argument on the question of alimony pending the determination of the action. Decision was reserved. Samuel Cater-myer, of counsel for Mrs. Zinser, before the hearing of the argument was begun, said that Mr. Zinsser had offered to allow his wife \$5,000 a year, and also to give her the house in which she at present resides, but Mrs. Zinsser, in consequence of the brutal and inhuman treatment she had received at his hands, declined to accept any offer from him, preferring to have the Court decide on

the justice and merit of her application. defendant is a son of William Zinsser. His wife says her husband's income is nearly \$25,000 a year, and that his expectations are very large. He, however, contends that he is not worth more than \$150,000, and has an lucome at the present time of only about \$19,000 a year. Both the plaintiff and defendant are well known. Mr. Untermyer said that his client was married

to the defendant in 1886, and there were two children of the marriage, a boy, now eleven years old, and another, nine. Mr. and Mrs. Zinsser ilved happily together until he became acquainted with Otto P. Amend and his wife. Mr. Amend, Mr. Untermyer said, was a member of the firm of Untermyer said, was a member of the firm of Elmer & Amend, wholesale druggists in this city. The result of the acquaintance was that the Zins-sers and the Amenda became extremely intimate, and Mrs Zinsser at last noticed that her husband grew cool toward her, while his attentions to Mrs. Amend became pronounced. He finally began

band grew cool toward her, while his attentions to Mrs. Amend became pronounced. He finally began to neglect her on Mrs. Amend's account.

"I do not," sold Mr. Untermyer, 'desire to reflect in any way on the good name or reputation of Mrs. Amend. My client does not believe that her husband and Mrs. Amend had any relations of a criminal character, and I expressly wish to say so, but Mrs. Zinsser is convinced that Mrs. Amend exercised so great an influence over her husband for the company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinsser has fer her company at all times, and Mrs. Zinser has fer her company at all times, and to prevent the court of her children.

Mr. Untermyer argued that an allowance of \$5.00 at year, has he does not prevent the court of t

interest upon a fund of \$150,000. In any case, Mrs. Zinsser was not entitled to any alimony, as she had \$20,000 of her own, which had been left to her by her father, and she was perfectly able to maintain herself. Mr. Minrath senied that Mr. Zinsser had ever ill-treated his wife or neglected her for any other woman. Mrs. Amend, he proceeded, had been the victim of allogations made by Mrs. Zinsser, but the charges were unterly untrue, and she had no earthly reason for saying that her husband had neglected her for Mrs. Amend, or that the latter had ever exercised any influence over him or had wished to do so.

Justice Pryor said he would examine the affidavits

RECOGNITION FOR NEW-YORK.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OBTAINS A CONCESSION FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN PAS-SENGER BUREAU.

The Merchants' Association was officially informed yesterday that it has finally obtained recog nttion from the Southwestern Passenger Bureau on the same basis as that obtained from the roads east of St. Louis and Chicago. The Southwestern Passenger Bureau has charge of the affairs of the railroads west of the Mississippi River and southwest of St. Louis, taking in all of Texas.

The Texas territory is one of great importance to New-York. The high rates of freight charged by to New-York. The high rates of freight charged by the all-rall lines operated against New-York in its trade, but heretofore water competition to the Guif ports of Texas and to New-Orleans has equalized things and kept New-York on a parity with other markets. This year, however, the war has caused a cessation of water competition through Texas ports, and the only competition has been that maintained by the Southern Pacific's weamship lines from New-York to New-Orleans and its rail lines from that city west through Texas to the Pacific Coast. Several efforts of the Merchants' Association to get a direct official recognition of the same basis as other trade centres of the country have been unsuccessful, but the officers of the association were officially informed yesterday that its latest application has been granted.

SMOKY FIREPLACES

MADE TO DRAW OR NO CHARGE.

Examinations and Estimates Free. References-W. D. Sloane, Col. Wm. Jay, Union Club and many other prominent people.

J. WHITLEY, "Chimney Expert," 193 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Tel. 1613.

bill of particulars at Newport, asked the Court to amend the final decree entered at Newport. amend the final decree entered at Newport.

The decree says the appeal was dismissed "on the hearing of parties." Mrs. Ross's counsel suggested a form of decree in which it should be stated that she had been adjudged in contempt, that her counsel withdrew and the hearing proceeded ex parte. Messrs. Sheffield and Sweetser, counsel for the Kings, contended that it was too late to amend the decree, and that it was correct as it stood. The Court decided not to make the amendment asked for.

STARTS IN BUSINESS AS AN EXPERT.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT'S FORMER PRIVATE SECRETARY WILL SELL ADVICE TO BUSINESS MEN.

James R. Hatmaker, who was for eighteen years connected with the New-York Central Railroad and for fifteen years of that time was the private secretary of Cornelius Vanderbilt, severed his connec-tion with the company upon the retirement of Mr. Vanderbilt and opened offices in the Mills Building. where he will engage in special railroad and finanindividuals having use for such knowledge as he possesses Mr. Hatmaker says that he is prepared to advise, as an expert on questions connected with railroads, as to investments in railroad securities, administration, profitable operation and organiza

administration, profitable operation and organisation.

Mr. Hatmaker's experience as to railroads has enabled him to lay a broad foundation of knowledge of financial affairs generally, and he is prepared to advise concerning practical matters and questions in the field of huance, whether as to foundation or investment. He says: "Industrial developments, based on patents and inventions, are of constantly increasing importance. I have established close relations with eminent scientific authorities, which will enable me to advise with effect as to values connected with such inventions and patents, whether in regard to businesses already existing or to the numerous new movements in invention so frequently brought to the attention of capitalists."

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into China is shown by the official statements of the "Report of the Trade of China and Abstract of Statistics" for the year 185, which has just reached the Bureau of Statistics. This official report of the returns of trade, published by the order of the Inspector-General of Customs of China, gives the value of articles imported into and exported from China from 189 to 1867, and the quantities and values of certain important articles imported in 1895 and 1897. This statement of imports from

Sumaira are proving active if not dangerous rivals. SPLENDID SHOWING IN COTTON GOODS. The total value of the imports from the United States into China has, according to the figures pre-sented by this report, increased more than 50 per cent since 1890, the total increase in importations in that time being only a little more than 50 p cent. In cotton goods the record which the Unit States manufacturers and experiers made in 1897, was especially striking. In cotion drilla, jeans and sheetings importations from the United States in creased materially, while those from all other coun tries fell off. Importations of English sheetings, for instance, fell from 1,67,991 pieces in 1891 to 339. 569 pieces in 1897; those from India fell from 156,760 pieces to 25,760 pieces, while American sheetings increased from 2,251,660 pieces in 1890 to 2,418,971 in 1897. English cotton drills fell from 132,272 pieces in 1896 to 76,302 pieces in 1897. Indian cotton drills fell from

ARTICLES WHICH AMERICA SUPPLIES. Curiously, the chief increases in importations throughout the entire list are in articles which the United States supplies, while there is a reduction

American producers and exporters must, however, realize that at least in kerosene oil the competition is sharp and increasing. The experiations of kerosens oli from this country in the year just ended amounted to \$55,000,000, of which a large proportion

OUTSTRIPPING OTHER NATIONS. The following table shows the imports into China from the leading countries of the world in 1897,

